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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTIONS TO SECRETARY'S LUSAKA SPEECH

1. FRENCH MEDIA GAVE WIDE COVERAGE TO THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH, ESPECIALLY THE TEN-POINT PLAN FOR RHODESIA. FAIRLY BROAD PRESS COMMENTARY HAS BEEN ALMOST UNANIMOUSLY FAVORABLE TO THE KISSINGER PROPOSALS, WITH SOME WRITERS PREDICTABLY QUESTIONING THE U.S. WILL TO CARRY OUT ITS PROMISES AND AMERICAN MOTIVES.

2. IN A FRONT-PAGE REPORT ON THE SPEECH, LE MONDE LIMITED COMMENT TO THE STATEMENT THAT THE KISSINGER PLAN GOES SIGNIFICANTLY BEYOND EARLIER AMERICAN STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT FOR MAJORITY RULE (EVEN THOUGH IT GRANTS THE SMITH REGIME A TWO YEAR RESPITE) IN PROVIDING FOR STRICTER APPLICATION OF SANCTIONS AND FOR FINANCIAL AID TO MOZAMBIQUE.

3. UNDER ANOTHER FIRST PAGE HEADLINE, "KISSINGER IS COURTING AFRICA", THE QUODITIEN COMMENTS:"ANGOLA SUDDENLY REMINDED THE U.S. THAT AFRICA EXISTS. THE NEW MEASURES AGAINST RHODESIA ANNOUNCED BY KISSINGER SIGNIFY LESS THE COMING DISAPPEARANCE OF THE SMITH REGIME THAN THEY UNDERLINE THE NEW IMPORTANCE OF THE AFRICAN CONTINENT IN WASHINGTON'S DIPLOMATIC STRATEGY...BUT THE NEW STAND OF THE U.S. IS NONE-THELESS FIRM. ABOVE ALL, IT RESPONDS TO THE DESIRES

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OF THE SO-CALLED AFRICAN MODERATES, HOSTILE TO

THE WHITE REGIMES BUT RELUCTANT TO EXCHANGE SOVIET INFLUENCE FOR VIGOROUS ACTION AGAINST SALISBURY AND PRETORIA...WHILE THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT MR. KISSINGER WILL FINALLY REASSURE HIS INTERLOCUTERS ABOUT AMERICAN INTENTIONS, THE GOOD WILL OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE WILL NOT SATISFY THEM. NO ONE DOUBTED HIS INTENTIONS DURING THE ANGOLAN WAR; THE PROBLEM CAME FROM HIS INABILITY TO REALIZE THEM. JUST AS IT DID NOT ADMIT THAT THE PRESENCE OF CUBANS IN ANGOLA WAS A THREAT TO U.S. SECURITY, THE CONGRESS WILL NOT ADMIT THAT FUNDS SHOULD BE VOTED FOR THE DEFENSE OF KENYA OR ZAMBIA. IN FACT, MR. KISSINGER IS COUNTING ON A SORT OF "BLACKLASH" (ED. ENGLISH IN ORIGINAL)...HAVING IMPOSED THEIR VIEWPOINT IN THE ANGOLAN AFFAIR, (THE CONGRESSMEN) WILL PERHAPS BE MORE CONCILIATORY IF ANOTHER AFRICAN COUNTRY IS THREATENED. LIKE GISCARD, KISSINGER IS COUNTING HEAVILY ON TIME."

4. IN ANOTHER FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL, LA CROIX SAYS: "...THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE KISSINGER PLAN WILL REALLY COMMIT THE U.S. REMAINS TO BE SEEN. MANY UNCERTAINTIES REMAIN. WHAT WILL THE U.S. DO, FOR EXAMPLE, IF THERE IS ANOTHER CUBA-SOVIET INTERVENTION ON THE SIDE OF THE BLACK NATIONALISTS ? IN SOUTH AFRICA, WHERE PRETORIA'S EXCLUSION FROM MR. KISSINGER'S ITINERARY IS CALLED 'ASTOUNDING', THERE IS A TENDENCY TO MINIMIZE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TRIP ON THE STRENGTH OF STATEMENTS BY OTHER AMERICAN PERSONAGES PLAYING DOWN THE SECRETARY'S REMARKS. BUT IF PRETORIA STILL FEELS SAFE, SALISBURY KNOWS THAT ITS DAYS ARE NUMBERED. THERE, THE AMERICAN 'DUMPING' SOUNDS LIKE A KNELL".

5. RIGHTIST L'AUREOLE SAYS THE SPEECH IS "ALMOST A DECLARATION OF WAR ON WHITE RHODESIA."

5. COMMUNIST L'HUMANITE STATES: "...KISSINGER LAVISHES PROMISES ON THE BLACK MAJORITY IN ORDER TO IMPOSE A LIBERATION IN AMERICAN FASHION ON SOUTHERN AFRICA... THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT DOES NOT REALLY CHANGE MUCH IN THE EXISTING SITUATION. THE AFRICANS DID NOT WAIT

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FOR MR. KISSINGER'S GREEN LIGHT BEFORE BEGINNING TO FIGHT. NONETHELESS, IT IS CERTAIN THAT THE PUBLIC POSITION OF THE U.S. HAS EVOLVED VERY RAPIDLY...YET IT WOULD BE NAIVE TO BELIEVE...THAT AMERICAN POLICY IN AFRICA HAS CHANGED FUNDAMENTALLY. THE SUDDENNESS OF THE TURN -- IN SPEECHES, AT LEAST -- REFLECTS PRIMARILY WASHINGTON'S ANXIETIES AFTER THE SERIES OF DEFEATS SUFFERED IN RECENT MONTHS IN MOZAMBIQUE AND,

ESPECIALLY, ANGOLA...".

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